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For: FACE IDENTIFICATION DEVICE AND  
FACE IDENTIFICATION METHOD

Examiner: A. K. Soon

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, contained in the Notice of Allowance mailed on June 13, 2008, and wishes to submit the following comments. The Statement paraphrases several limitations from independent claim 1 as reasons for allowance of claims 1-15. Initially, Applicant wishes to point out that the stated reasons for allowance should be interpreted as highlighting only some of the reasons why claim 1 is allowable. In addition, independent claims 5-7 and 12-15 are allowable based on the combination of limitations recited therein.

Moreover, dependent claims 2-4 and 8-11 recite additional limitations which, in combination with their base claims, render the dependent claims allowable over the prior art. No further limitations of the claims should be inferred from the Statement. Otherwise, Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the allowed claims distinguish over the prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,

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